Wednesday 14th October 2015

OHSC (Out of Hours School Care)
Thank you to Miss Somerville, Mrs Foley and Mrs Hardy for their work on the OHSC panel. We have a winner and it will be PCYC. Information will be forthcoming as soon as it is available, including having Vacation Care at the school over the Christmas holidays.

Lend Lease
Thank you to Lend Lease for their work on their community day at the school. The footpath and gardens are looking great. The footpath near the library was also painted for students to use for playing handball.

Pupil Free Day Monday October 19
Don’t forget that this Monday is a Pupil Free Day and there is no school for students on this day. This is for all state schools in Queensland.

Prep Open Day
Our Prep Open Day will be held in the Prep Building on Tuesday 27th October with two sessions to choose from at 9:30am or 6pm. It is a great opportunity to bring your child along to meet their teachers and new class friends and hear about what your child will do at Prep. We will cover all of the enrolment information and as this session will serve as your child’s compulsory enrolment interview, please ensure your enrolling child attends with you. If you have not yet enrolled your eligible child, please see the office as soon as possible for an enrolment pack.

Instrumental Music Night
The Instrumental Music Information Night will be held on Wednesday 4 November at 6pm. This is for interested parents of 2015 Year 2 – 5 students for participation in the Brass, Wind, Percussion and Strings Program.
Nut Allergies

Schools are encouraged not to ban nut products/known allergens but to raise awareness of the risks associated with anaphylaxis and to implement practical age-appropriate strategies to minimise exposure to known allergens.

Parents are free to pack the foods of their choice for their children to eat at school, however I ask that you are mindful that at this school we have children and teachers who are anaphylactic, a condition that can cause death.

Teachers will reinforce that we don’t share food and that we should wash our hands after eating. Where it is known that students have brought nut products/known allergens to school and there is an anaphylactic student in the classroom, the teacher will take all precautions to minimise risk. Parents can help us maintain a safe environment by ensuring nut products/known allergens are placed in a sealed container or sealed plastic bag.

Food such as cakes or other foods may be sent to school to celebrate birthdays however please be mindful of the ingredients. Eg: Nutella spread for icing could be a cause of an anaphylactic reaction. On special occasions when food is freely available, teachers will ensure that a safe environment is maintained for all students. Prior to commencing units of work that involve cooking, teachers will discuss the individual needs of students at risk with parents.

Parents who have concerns or require clarification are urged to speak to the classroom teacher. Alternatively, you can contact the office for further information.

Regards
Chris

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**PUBL (Positive Behaviour of Learning) News**

**Week 2, Term 4**

**Are you a bystander?**

A bystander is someone who sees or knows about bullying or other forms of violence that is happening to someone else.

Bystanders can be either part of the bullying problem or an important part of the solution to stop bullying.

Bystanders can act in different ways when they see or know about bullying: **We can all recognise, react and report bullying.** Are you a bystander?

The strategy students have been discussing in class is: **Walk, Turn, Tell.** Students are to walk away, turn to check whether teacher assistance is required, and if so, go and tell the teacher immediately.

**Recognise, react, report.**

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**Reminder!**

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**THIS MONDAY**

19TH OCTOBER 2015

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**Student Absences**

The school office will be calling to check on unexplained absences each day.

Please ring the office on 4751 2333 or email admin@bluewatess.eq.edu.au if your child will not be in attendance.

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**SWIM LESSONS**

Years 1 and 2

Please return forms and payment to the office as soon as possible. EFTPOS is available.
Country Fair News

Our Country Fair is fast approaching! With only weeks left, the excitement is building. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and we will see you at the Country Fair on Friday 30th October!

We still require volunteers!
Please let your child’s teacher know if you can help out on a class stall. The stall with the most registered volunteers on the night wins a class pizza party. This year there will be two winners, one class from Prep - Year 2 and one from Year 3 - Year 6.

We need volunteers to help package prizes and organise stalls leading up to; as well as setting up and packing up on the day of the Fair. Many hands make a less stressed Country Fair Coordinator!

STALL AND HAMPER DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has brought in a donation for their class stall or Cent Sale Hamper. We still need donations for all the stalls, particularly the following:

Prep Tombola Stall. These are small inexpensive items that can be placed in a zip lock bag—eg chalk, novelty toys, hairbands, bracelets lollies etc.

Soda Toss: 1.25l bottles of soft drink—any type of flavour.

5/6B Plant Stall: Any cuttings, plants and pots please.

Cent Sale Hampers: Each year level from Year 1 to Year 6 has a themed hamper. Items can be anything related to that theme. For example Cleaning | Products Hamper could be a packet of Chux wipes or a bottle of car wash. Coffee/Tea Hamper could be a packet of biscuits, herbal tea bags or some teaspooons. You might already have something in your cupboard that can be donated.

Dodger Tickets

Please keep returning your dodger tickets. There are Samsung Galaxy tablets to give away to the top two ticket sellers.

Prepaid Wristbands for Unlimited Amusement Rides

Amusements Plus will be bringing along some great rides once again. Favourites like the Mini Jeeps and Animal Petting Farm as well as some new rides like the Walk-on-Water-Zorbs!

Take advantage of our prepaid offer of $23.00 if paid by Wednesday 28th October. This is available for friends and family members but will not be available after this date. On the day it will be $28.00 per child, or single rides range from $4-$5.

Payment can be made at the office (CASH ONLY) from Monday to Friday or at the Tuckshop (EFTPOS) on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Music News

What a great start to Term 4 with most children bringing their music and instruments to their lessons. It is so important that you get yourselves organised after you have your last PRACTICE for the week, so that you are all ready for your lessons.

How proud was I of the BLUEWATER BAND!!! They played with heart and gave their very best at the EISTEDDFOD.

What’s coming up? PLENTY

Friday 30th October All music groups are performing at the Bluewater Country Fair.

Wednesday 4th November 6:00 pm INSTRUMENTAL information evening. The band and STRING groups are playing to their parents and the new prospective students and parents.

Wednesday 9th December School concert

Also if any parents know of any reasonable second hand flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, trombones and glockenspiels for sale please let the school know as there are children from Bluewater who will need to get their own instruments next year. The returned school instruments will then be checked and serviced ready for the new students in 2016.

Yours in music
Malcolm Cook
Saturday 17 October
ReefBlitz 2015
Jezzine Barracks,
Townsville
6am-6pm

Become a Reef Scientist for a Day
Join the ReefBlitz 12 hour challenge
Help find and record Townsville’s wild species—spot birds, frogs, molluscs, insects, reptiles & more.

More than 20 free activities on land and in water
• Hands-on ReefBlitz surveys – discover new information to help the Reef
• Interactive reef presentations
• Citizen science showcase
• Meet Orca GreenEdge pro cycling team members
PLUS Celebrate the Reef free community event 9am-3pm

Hands-on Surveys
• Boisterous Birds
• ClimateWatch Marine
• Inspecting Invertebrates
• Mollusc Madness
• Mangrove Exploration
• Plant Promenade
• Rocky Shore Ramble
• Snorkelling Shore Reefs
• Uncovering Reptiles & Amphibians

See the full program and register at: barrierreef.org/reefblitz
General enquiries: jrostennezhad@earthwatch.org.au

Research for a resilient Reef

The Museum of Tropical Queensland, based in Townsville and part of the Queensland Museum Network, is running the My Favourite Place in Queensland Photography Competition to encourage photographers of all ages to snap and share the best of the Sunshine State and win over $5,000 in prizes.

There are three age categories: primary school (Years 1 to 6), secondary school (Years 7 to 12) and an open category (18 years of age and over).

And over $5,000 worth of prizes!

For all the details, visit our website (www.mtq.qm.qld.gov.au), complete the online entry form and submit your photograph before 5pm on Monday 30 November 2015.

Importantly again this year, we don’t ask for the copyright for the photos submitted.

Entries will be featured regularly on our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/museumoftropicalqueensland) and the winning and highly commended photographers will be announced in early 2016.

Patches of Bluewater Craft Group
Meet every Thursday at Bluewater Community Centre
9am to 1pm
New people are welcome
For more information, please ring Shannon Stanford on 4788 6465
Patches of Bluewater are proud sponsors of 3 x $100 Encouragement Vouchers presented at the 2015 Bluewater State School Christmas Concert

Playgroup meets at Bluewater State School
the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month (during school term)
9.00am - 11.00am
Come along & have some fun with your child and meet new people in the area.
All Welcome Cost $3.00 per session
Bring along a healthy plate of food to share.